

Petiole with a slender peduncle, slightly shorter than its distinct, anteriorly weakly bicarinate node. Node seen from above broad-oval, nearly as broad as long and truncate caudad; posterior border with a curved, raised, spongiform collar. Seen from the side, node nearly globose, its ventral spongiform strip thick, areolate, deeper than the peduncle itself. Postpetiole about $\frac{1}{2}$ x as broad as petiole and with strongly convex disc; voluminous spongiform appendages ventrad and posterolaterad. Gaster with basal spongiform border and numerous crowded basal costulae extending about $\frac{1}{3}$ of basal tergite, otherwise smooth and shining.

Head, entire alitrunk, appendages, petiole and posterior half of postpetiolar disc densely punctulate and opaque. Anterior half of postpetiolar disc finely and somewhat indefinitely longitudinally striate. Mandibles feebly and minutely reticulate at base, but smooth and shining, sparsely punctulate apicad.

Head, scapes, alitrunk and nodes with evenly distributed, conspicuous pilosity consisting of linear-spatulate hairs, curved to a sub-reclinate position. Gastric hairs longer, fewer, but still rather numerous (40-50, in 5 or 6 ragged transverse rows), linear-spatulate or reniform, stiffly curved caudad, none longer than width of posterior coxa. No long, paired, flagelliform or other specialized hairs on head, humeri, or elsewhere. Legs with appressed and subappressed, short, spatulate hairs. Funiculi and mandibles with fine reclinate hairs. Pilosity in general much like that of *S. cochlearis*, and varying similarly among series.

Color medium ferruginous; sample from Heathcote a little darker, and hairs of head pilosity show up better in contrast.

PARATYPE QUEEN, DEALATE: TL 4.1, HL 0.93, HW 0.79 (CI 85), ML (partly open) 0.38 (MI ca. 41), eye L 0.15, WL 1.11 mm.

Holotype (ANIC - Canberra): Deep Water, New South Wales, 5 Dec. 1949, leg. T. Greaves, No. 10299. Paratypes (ANIC, MCZ, BMNH, CAS - San Francisco): New South Wales: Armidale, 31 Aug. 1956, leg. B. B. Lowery, dealate queen. Queensland: Mt. Lofty, Toowoomba, leg. L. Weatherill, 15 Apr. 1972. Biloela, leg. F. A. Cudmore, in nest of *Pachycondyla oculata* (det. W. L. B.). Ten miles w of Crow's Nest, 440 m, 23 Nov. 1962, leg. E. S. Ross and D. Q. Cavnagaro. Victoria: Heathcote, 24 May 1961, leg. B. B. Lowery.

The species name is an aboriginal word for the ancient spirit-creatures of the Dream Time. This is a species of the dry to medium sclerophyll forest, where it is found mainly under stones or logs on the ground surface.